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**Yuji Okachi**

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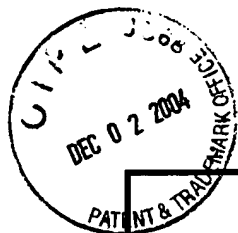
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Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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